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Congressman Heath Shuler's Community and Faith-Based Organizations Amendment Passes House

Amendment to Head Start Reauthorization Ensures Groups Ability to Participate in Head Start

Washington, D.C. – An amendment offered by Representative Heath Shuler to H.R. 1429, the Improving Head Start Act of 2007, passed the House of Representatives today.

Rep. Shuler's amendment commended community and faith-based organizations for their success in developing and running Head Start programs. Rep. Shuler's amendment also ensures the continued participation of these organizations in Head Start.

"I am proud to be a product of Head Start, and that program helped make me the person I am today. I also deeply value the important role that community and faith-based organizations have taken in continuing and expanding Head Start Programs. My amendment ensures that these groups will be able to continue their important work in our communities," said Rep. Shuler.

Rep. Shuler's amendment was cosponsored by Rep. Brad Ellsworth (D-IN) and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA).

H.R. 1429, which also passed the House 365-48, will provide 10,000 more children access to Head Start services, improve coordination between Head Start and state and local child care health and family services programs to increase full-day and full-year services, and increases funding for teacher and staff salaries to keep the best and brightest in our classrooms.

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